

Comptroller Lee—

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Blanton that Dickinson's only heir, Mrs. Priscilla Gilson, a daughter, living in England, had started administration proceedings in the probate court in Dade County where he asked for and obtained the appointment of a Florida administrator for the estate after showing Judge W. F.

Florida administrator, the comptroller was able to force the daughter to come into the Florida court to face a lot of important documents and records, the evidence of which had been uncovered by state investigators.

Out of the investigating committee's A federal estate tax return filed by the executor of the estate, Dickinson's, total taxable property in the 17th of \$50,000 and his only other asset as cash totaling less than \$125,000, which he claimed was not taxable because "deceased was a nonresident alien not engaged in business in the U. S." On this tax return the executor, George W. Jackson, Dickinson's former secretary and tax expert, paid a federal tax of \$2,000 in 1929, none of which came to the State of Florida because under the Florida laws estates up to \$100,000 are not taxable. The document was a resume sheet built up from checks and crossed-bills, probe and investigation, throughout two years of litigation, and which when finally accepted by the heir and the executor of the estate listed something like \$50,000 worth of taxable property, upon which the executor paid the State of Florida \$200,722.29 after refunding a tax return.

Among the obstacles encountered and overcome by the state and federal investigators were the citizenship papers granted by the prince of Monaco and an order by the American State Department requiring Dickinson to surrender his American passport as well as recorded requirements of immigration authorities incident to Dickinson visiting Miami every winter on his Monaco passport.

Also there was a trust set for the daughter in December, 1927. This was one of those irrevocable trusts which are supposed to pass title and eliminate the property covered from estate taxes. But investigators discovered a power of attorney which the daughter gave her father practically turning the trust back to him.

In addition there were recorded court orders in the Monaco courts covering his operations and domicile, and, of course, there was the problem of locating the treasure which was all in stocks, bonds and cash deposited in banks stretching from London to Monaco to Miami.

But the job was done and it was all carefully itemized and with the help of some living friends of the deceased, men like Henry

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going down into the assessment books. Budget boards have been set up in each of the 10 and 15-member counties, starting the second phase of the job being done as well. And the people, through their house boards and their appeals, can't see proper mileage reductions. State Superintendent Chan English told a delegation from Dade County just Saturday that he saw the job was finished properly when the budget reached him for approval. Jim Lee, the chairman sitting in the same session told the delegation that general county budgets showing increases were not the same late as his. We're actually plugging this job, the governor retorted. And by me I mean, the people of Florida. Why it's amazing the way the taxpayers are responding. In one county 20,000 have used returns. In Little Monroe, where a tax return had hardly been heard of, the average property owner, now more than 3,000 have filed and the assessor reports another 1,000 preparing returns.

Literally millions of dollars new values are being placed on the rolls. Items like the apartment houses in one county assessed in 1935 for \$8,000. The owner lived in one apartment and got \$3.00 exemption. This year it goes up to \$10,000 and the owner paying taxes this year on \$2,000 against \$3,000 last year. Thousands of such injustices are being corrected. One county estimates more than 1,500 similar items not to mention four or five thousand farm homes which will go above the exemption value for the first time. There are business blocks in which the owner lived in a back room and secure full exemption under the old system that permitted \$20,000—\$25,000 structures to escape and the homestead exemption.

"In Pinellas and other counties the assessors have found the thousands were occupying personal property assessment under \$500 household goods exemption which under the system being replaced by these new laws covered from \$2,000 to as much as \$5,000 worth of personal property in some counties. The Pinellas assessor advises his personal property roll will jump from less than \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 to \$15,000,000. Similar reports are coming from assessors all over the state and I am here to tell you that these legal public servants are going ahead and doing the job some folks said couldn't be done. No wonder the millages are coming down.

"Palm Beach county's school board advises the school millage there will drop from 20 mills to 5 at most and possibly as low as 4 and this in spite of increased enrollment. School Superintendent English reports school boards from all parts of the state are reporting reduced millages in full compliance with the spirit and the letter of the law."

The governor traced the history of the new laws pointing out they came as a mandate from the people. "I advocated this type of tax revision, leading to tax justice for all, from every platform during the gubernatorial campaign," he said, "and a common-sense legislature acted to the point of our taxpayers for relief from the system under which thousands paid double to make up for \$100,000,000 cancelled from the books in adjustments and compromises over a decade."

He pointed to stringent provisions that will bring success in collection of taxes after they are provided provision for good tax rates and publication of names of those who become delinquent.

He reiterated that those who have been paying their full share of the tax load have nothing to fear. "The only way to reduce the tax burden for those who loyally pay every year is to bring to the

tax roll properties that have been sleeping and that all these new laws do—just making collections sure and thus stopping the practice of forgetting millions in delinquent taxes. And, by the way, the last year against those who have already paid."

Discussing the legislature's courage, the Governor pointed out that the 1941 legislature had not bowed towards the easy thing to only tackled such problems as the gas tax allocation, property tax revision, salary laying, income, long considered insuperable, but that they solved these problems and then went on to put the state finally on an even keel by using the Murphy Act receipts in the face of powerful pressure groups to pay the state's bills.

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